



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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MAYOR

Mr. Trevor Joseph
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Dear Mr. Joseph:

I appreciate this opportunity to express my support of the Antelope Valley East-Kern Water Agency's (AVEK's) request for funding for development of the Water Supply Stabilization Project (WSSP- 2 Project). Water storage is a critical component of improving water supply reliability and is of particular concern in the Antelope Valley where water supplies available to the Region from the State Water Project (SWP) vary significantly throughout the year and from year to year depending on precipitation and environmental constraints in the Bay Delta. The Antelope Valley's projected urban growth, coupled with limits on the available local and imported water supply, is likely to continue to increase its reliance on groundwater.

The Proposed WSSP-2 Project enhances water supply reliability and flexibility through a water bank/water market that can help reduce the rate of groundwater aquifer overdraft and encourage conjunctive water use locally and inter-regionally. The Project will implement a water bank as a mechanism to make water available to meet the existing water supply and ensure the reliability of future demands. This WSSP-2 Project will also help to provide the operational flexibility that many agencies need in order to provide a constant and reliable level of service to their customers.

I hope that my expression of support is helpful in your efforts to secure grant funding assistance to implement this critical project. If the funding agency would like to discuss our interest and support for this project or if you have any questions, please contact my Planning Deputy Edel Vizcarra at (213) 974-5555 or evizcarra@lacobos.org.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Mayor

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